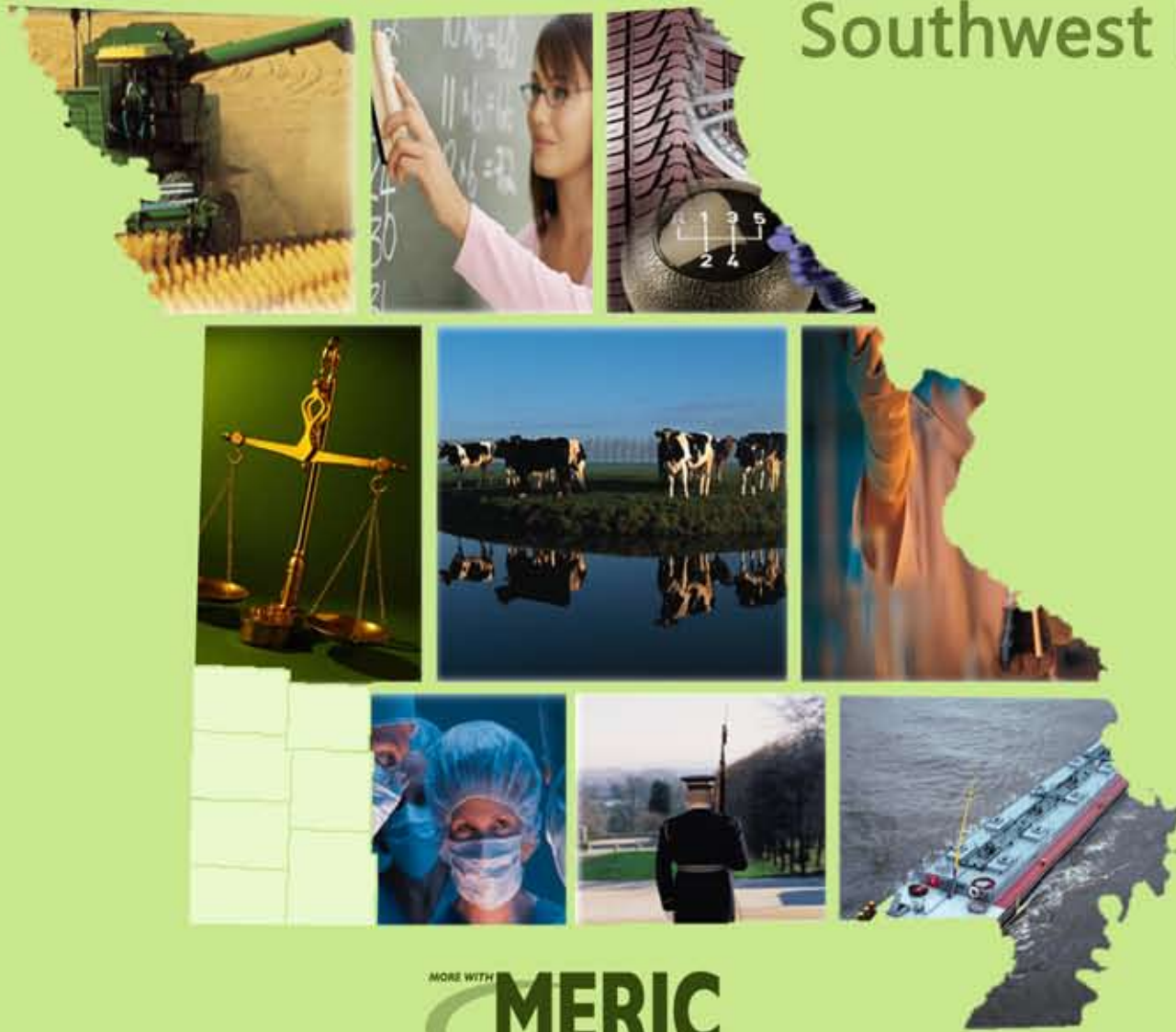


# Career Outlook 2016

## Southwest Region



[www.missourieconomy.org](http://www.missourieconomy.org)

### Job Information

Career Voyages

[www.careervoyages.gov/](http://www.careervoyages.gov/)

Missouri Career Information Hotline

[www.missouribusiness.net/career/](http://www.missouribusiness.net/career/)

Missouri Economic Research & Information Center (MERIC)

[www.missourieconomy.org](http://www.missourieconomy.org)

Occupational Information Network

<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Missouri Connections

[www.missouriconnections.com](http://www.missouriconnections.com)

### Job Search Web Resources

Career One Stop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

Missouri Career Source

[www.missouricareersource.com](http://www.missouricareersource.com)

### Data Resources

Career Clusters

<http://www.careerclusters.org/>

ACT/WorkKeys<sup>®</sup>

[www.act.org/workkeys/assess](http://www.act.org/workkeys/assess)



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# Southwest Region TOP 50

Careers in the Southwest Region with the most job openings between 2006-2016  
For a complete listing of occupations, wages, and skills information, visit the MERIC website at:

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Occupation Title	Total Openings	Average Annual Wage	Education/Experience Typically Required	Grade	Workkeys <sup>®</sup> Scores		
					AM	LI	RI
<b>Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource</b>							
Butchers and Meat Cutters	99	\$28,052	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	3	4	3
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	22	\$48,973	Work experience in a related occupation	A-	4	4	4
Food Scientists and Technologists	21	\$60,630*	Bachelor's degree	A-	5	4	4
<b>Architecture and Construction</b>							
Electricians	121	\$43,858	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	4	4	4
Cost Estimators	60	\$43,387	Bachelor's degree	A-	6	6	5
Construction Managers	42	\$93,455	Bachelor's degree	A-	6	5	5
Civil Engineers	37	\$68,304	Bachelor's degree	A-	7	5	6
<b>Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications</b>							
Musicians and Singers	243	\$50,270*	Long-term on-the-job training	A+	0	4	4
Music Directors and Composers	90	\$64,730*	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience	A	0	4	4
Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	24	\$37,690*	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	4	4	4
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	21	\$58,250*	Doctoral degree	A-	4	4	6
<b>Business, Management and Administration</b>							
Accountants and Auditors	187	\$48,329	Bachelor's degree	A-	6	5	5
Managers, All Other	110	\$57,809	Work experience in a related occupation	A	5	5	5
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	80	\$42,752	Bachelor's degree	A	5	4	5
Management Analysts	46	\$74,272	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience	A-	5	5	5
Advertising Sales Agents	37	\$38,680	Moderate-term on-the-job training	A-	4	4	5
Human Resources, Training, and Labor Relations Specialists, All Other	29	\$41,028	Bachelor's degree	A-	5	5	5
Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	26	\$37,791	Bachelor's degree	A-	4	4	5
Marketing Managers	25	\$80,434	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience	A-	5	5	5
<b>Education and Training</b>							
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	249	\$32,672	Bachelor's degree	A-	3	4	4
Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School	79	\$34,298	Bachelor's degree	A-	4	5	5
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	79	\$70,700*	Doctoral degree	A+	5	5	5
<b>Finance</b>							
Insurance Sales Agents	75	\$57,427	Bachelor's degree	A-	5	5	6
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	42	\$48,661	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	5	4	5
Insurance Underwriters	21	\$50,680*	Bachelor's degree	A-	5	5	5
<b>Health Science</b>							
Registered Nurses	604	\$50,748	Associate degree	A+	4	4	5
Pharmacists	67	\$94,972	First professional degree	A-	6	5	6
Physical Therapists	29	\$63,450*	Master's degree	A-	4	5	6
<b>Hospitality and Tourism</b>							
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	25	\$36,920*	Work experience in a related occupation	A-	4	5	5
<b>Information Technology</b>							
Computer Systems Analysts	107	\$54,743	Bachelor's degree	A+	5	5	5
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	92	\$47,359	Bachelor's degree	A	6	5	5
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	88	\$50,180	Bachelor's degree	A+	5	5	5
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	69	\$74,192	Bachelor's degree	A-	7	5	5
Computer and Information Systems Managers	32	\$76,170	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience	A-	6	5	5
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	25	\$75,210*	Bachelor's degree	A-	7	5	5
<b>Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security</b>							
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	157	\$25,280	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	4	4	5
Fire Fighters	92	\$28,647	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	4	5	4
<b>Manufacturing Career</b>							
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	129	\$33,216	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	4	5	4
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	79	\$48,214	Work experience in a related occupation	A-	5	4	5
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	29	\$47,966	Postsecondary vocational award	A-	4	4	4
<b>Marketing Sales and Service</b>							
Customer Service Representatives	564	\$24,950	Moderate-term on-the-job training	A-	4	4	4
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	309	\$48,299	Work experience in a related occupation	A-	5	4	5
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	146	\$50,957	Work experience in a related occupation	A+	4	4	4
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	88	\$75,112	Work experience in a related occupation	A	4	4	4
<b>Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics</b>							
Industrial Engineers	72	\$53,350	Bachelor's degree	A-	7	5	6
<b>Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics</b>							
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	1,340	\$31,801	Moderate-term on-the-job training	A-	3	4	3
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	247	\$26,804	Postsecondary vocational award	A-	3	4	4
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	115	\$33,535	Postsecondary vocational award	A-	5	5	5
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators	67	\$43,200	Work experience in a related occupation	A-	4	4	5
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	65	\$37,706	Long-term on-the-job training	A-	4	5	4

Career Cluster:  
Based on the National Career Clusters with occupations assigned to primary career clusters. Some occupations may be in multiple clusters, therefore, primary cluster status was established.

\*Statewide wage data used as a proxy for suppressed regional wage data.

WorkKeys<sup>®</sup> Skills Scores:  
Range-least complex (3) to most complex (7)  
AM-Applied Mathematics (Level 3-7)  
LI-Locating Information (Level 3-6)